

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN  
& MASS SCHEDULE

17 SEPTEMBER 2017  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

SUN 17 Sep	15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 18 Sep	St. Joseph Cupertino <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 19 Sep	Ss. Januarius & Companions <i>Martyrs</i> <i>3rd Class, red</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
 WED 20 Sep	Ember Wednesday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	11.30 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
THU 21 Sep	Saint Matthew <i>Apostle, Evangelist</i> <i>2nd Class, red</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 22 Sep	Ember Friday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
 SAT 23 Sep	Ember Saturday <i>2nd Class, violet</i> <i>St. Linus (comm.)</i> <i>Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence for SSPX members</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 24 Sep	16th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Singing.** From today on, the choir and the congregation will alternate the Kyrie, Gloria and Credo.

**Farewell Party.** On Wednesday 18 October (Deepavali) there will be a farewell party for Fr. Loschi at the Furama. Check for more information on the notice board.

**Parish Picnic.** A parish picnic will take place on Sunday 5 November. Details will follow soon.

**Children's Catechism.** Mrs. Eiko Sumantri handles the catechism classes for the younger children. Please contact her at 9661 6601.

**Latin Class.** Thursday evening, after Mass.

**Mass Intentions.** Fr. Wailliez is not able to accept Mass intentions for the time being. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Confessions: 30 min before Sunday Masses; on demand every day.

**Children's Catechism on Saturday:**

First Communion 14:00-14:45

Post First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post Confirmation 14:00-14:45

Older Group (13-18 years) 14:45-15:30

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X"



## EMBER DAYS

Ember days (from Lat. *Quatuor Tempora*, four times) are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the Church as days of fast and abstinence.



They were definitely arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085) for the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after 13 December (S. Lucia), after Ash Wednesday, after Whitsunday, and after 14 September (Exaltation of the Cross).

The purpose of their introduction, besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy.

The immediate occasion was the practice of the heathens of Rome. The Romans were originally given to agriculture, and their native gods belonged to the same class. At the beginning of the time for seeding and harvesting religious ceremonies were performed to implore the help of their deities: in June for a bountiful harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December for

the seeding; hence their *feriae sementivae*, *feriae messis*, and *feri vindimiales*.

The Church, when converting heathen nations, has always tried to sanctify any practices which could be utilized for a good purpose.

At first the Church in Rome had fasts in June, September, and December; the exact days were not fixed but were announced by the priests. The "Liber Pontificalis" ascribes to Pope Callistus (217-222) a law ordering the fast, but probably it is older. Leo the Great (440-461) considers it an Apostolic institution. When the fourth season was added cannot be ascertained, but Gelasius (492-496) speaks of all four.

This pope also permitted the conferring of priesthood and deaconship on the Saturdays of ember week --these were formerly given only at Easter.

Before Gelasius the ember days were known only in Rome, but after his time their observance spread. They were brought into England by St. Augustine; into Gaul and Germany by the Carolingians. Spain adopted them with the Roman Liturgy in the eleventh century. They were introduced by St. Charles Borromeo into Milan. The Eastern Church does not know them.

The present Roman Missal, in the formulary for the Ember days, retains in part the old practice of lessons from Scripture in addition to the ordinary two: for the Wednesdays three, for the Saturdays six, and seven for the Saturday in December. Some of these lessons contain promises of a bountiful harvest for those that serve God.

(From The Catholic Encyclopedia.)